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August 19, 2014

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette
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Subject: Enforcement of the Michigan Constitution and laws.
Violations gave money for the Ilitch arena in Detroit.

1. \$314 million is diverted from the school aid fund by House Bill 5463, 2012. This amount was not evident at the time of the bill passage. \$514 million is the total public money. The Constitution, Article 9 section 11, states "school aid fund... used exclusively for aid to school districts,..." This diversion is wrong.
2. The Senate passed this bill one day after it was introduced. The Constitution, Article 4, section 26, requires "at least five days" before passage.
Introduced December 4, passed December 5, 2012.
(Journal of Senate 2012, page 2388) (Reference: Metro Times, May 7, 2014, page 40)
3. The Strategic Fund approved \$6 million dollars to demolish the Joe Louis Arena. The money comes from a program that restricts use of money for an arena project.
Since the demolition of Joe Louis is a condition of effectiveness in the new arena lease (page 106 of lease), the money is actually part of the new arena. This is a **clear violation** of the program intent.
4. MEDC (Mich Econ Devel Corp) is a third party beneficiary of a kick-back **luxury suite** in the new arena. This creates ethical questions.

This evidence requires enforcement of the Constitution and the State law.

Sincerely,

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September 23, 2014

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RE: Request for an Attorney General Opinion as to State funding for the Illitch Arena in Detroit

Dear Sir:

First, was there a violation of Michigan Constitution Article 9, sec. 11 where 314 million dollars was diverted from the School Aid Fund by HB 5463 (2012) enrolled as PA 396 of 2012?

Secondly, does the 6 million dollars from the Michigan Strategic Fund to demolish the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit violate the law where the money came from a program that restricts the use of money for an arena project?

Respectfully,

Rose Mary C. Robinson
Michigan State Representative, 4th District



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